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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers and Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HCBS Waiver Renewals and Amendments Public Comment Period

The IME has submitted the Brain Injury (BI) and Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver renewal applications and amendments of the Elderly, Physical Disability and Health and Disability Waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As part of the renewal application and amendment process, the state is opening a second public comment period for feedback on the amendments from March 16, 2015, through April 15, 2015.

The renewal applications and amendments include:

- The HCBS setting requirements
- The HCBS person-centered planning requirements
- Amended service definitions for Prevocational, Supported Employment and Day Habilitation services
- The limits of the Legal Representative as a Paid Employee
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO) changes that clarify how the CCO budget can be used to pay for goods and services
- Addition of transportation to and from work or day services as part of Supported Community Living service
- Transportation reimbursement changes
- Child Development Home Licensure qualification removal from provider enrollment
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) phase-out/personal care phase-in

The draft amendments are posted on the DHS [Home and Community Based Services](#)¹ webpage along with other related documents. This notice is also being distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other potentially interested stakeholders. Comments regarding the draft amendments should be submitted in writing to: HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us.

For persons without internet access, the waiver amendments and renewal applications are available for public review at the Department of Human Services County offices. Questions or comments concerning the proposed renewals or amendments may be addressed to: LeAnn Moskowitz, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>

Comments received may be reviewed by the public by contacting Ms. Moskowitz at the above address.

All comments will be reviewed, summarized, and responses developed. Appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the draft amendments and responses to public comments will be posted on the DHS website.

Please submit any questions to HCBSettings@dhs.state.ia.us.